

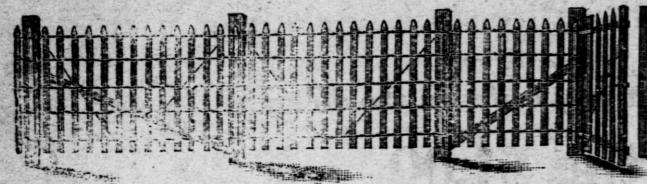
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EXAMINATION PAPERS.

From D. used by Sup't. W. W. Knowles
March 20, 1896.

(Other examination forms will follow each week. Last week was one by Sup't. Tindall. They will be interesting by way of comparison.—Ed.)

GRAMMAR.

1—(i) Does the pronoun *you* always require the plural form of the verb? If so, why? (2) What is the difference between a verb and a participle?

2—(i) What part of speech, or parts of speech, does a participial phrase always modify? How many tenses have the different modes? (3) Parse the italicized words in the following:

All the conspirators, save only him, did what they did in envy of great Caesar.

3—(i) Why is it necessary to observe the sense, or meaning, of what we parse? (2) Can a verb or participle, not transitive, take any other case after it than that which precedes it? (3) What is the usual position of the nominative and verb, and when is it varied? (4) Why cannot two nouns, each having the possessive sign, be put in apposition with each other?

4—Correct the following and give reason: (1) I am not recommending these kind of sufferings to your liking. (2) I think she cannot be above six foot two inches high. (3) The wall is ten foot high. (4) Most of whom live remote from each other.

5—Diagram:

Here rests his head upon the lap of Earth, A youth to Fortune and to Fame unknown; Fair science frowned not on his humble birth, And Melancholy marked him for her own;

MENTAL ARITHMETIC

1—The tail of a fish weighs 36 ounces, the body weighs 12 ounces more than the tail plus 2/5 of the body, and the head weighs as much as the head and tail; required the weight of the fish.

2—A lady at a game of cards won \$450, and then lost one-third of what she had, and then found she had four times as much as at first; how much had she at first?

3—A barrel of vinegar leaked away 25 percent; what percent must I gain on the remainder that I may gain 10 percent by the transaction.

4—A lady has two silver cups and only one cover for both; the first cup weighs 20 ounces, and if the first cup be covered it will weigh three times as much as the second; but if the second cup be covered it will weigh four times as much as the first; required the weight of the second cup and cover.

WRITTEN ARITHMETIC

1—A's gain was 25 per cent and B's 30 per cent, and A's gain was \$27 less than B's; what was the capital of each, if two-thirds of A's equals three-fourths of B's?

2—What is the interest on \$500 for 2 years, 2 months and 2 days, at 5 per cent?

3—What is a multiple of a number? (b) A common multiple? (c) Least common multiple? (d) State the difference between the G. C. D. and the L. C. M.

4—A farmer has a field 40 rods long and 32 rods wide, required the dimensions of a similar field containing 48 acres.

Three men purchase a tract of land for \$15,000, of which A pays \$8,000; they sell at such a price that B gains \$750.20 and C \$87.50; how much do B. and C. pay, and what is A's gain?

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WASHINGTON'S SPIRITUAL SIDE.

He was Baptized, but There is No Evidence That He Ever Took Communion.

General A. W. Greely, U. S. A., contributes a most interesting chapter on "The Personal Side of Washington" in "The Ladies' Home Journal."

In considering Washington's religious life (or belief) the biographer makes the preface: "This effort to depict Washington as very devout from his childhood, as a strict Sabatarian and as an intimate spiritual communication with the church is practically contradicted by his own letters."

Continuing, General Greely says: "What Washington really believed as to the fundamental truths of Christianity or as to nonessentials on which so many sectarian issues have been raised cannot be definitely stated. He inherited the Episcopal form of faith by baptism and throughout his life took an active part as a vestryman of that church. But even if he was ever confirmed in its faith there is no reliable evidence that he ever took communion with it or with any other church.

In short, it seems that the honesty and integrity of the man caused him to refrain from the more spiritual forms of activity in the church.

Possibly his mind, as have the minds of many men of high moral character, followed the irrational bent of inseparably associating principles and professions and so looked askant at creeds and dogmas where the lives of their foremost advocates gave the lie to the profession of the faith.

"It is notable, however, that as time went on the occasional indifference of his youthful days gave place to a respectful, even if not devout, attitude with reference to religious matters. In a feeling of spiritual indifference to the church, it is not surprising that, neglecting spiritual reasons, he wrote, as a Virginia colonel, 'The want of a chaplain does reflect dishonor upon the regiment, as all other officers are allowed.' And when he was urged to have public prayers in camp, so as to excite the curiosity and foster the conversion of the Indians, he ignored the recommendation.

"As to the Sabbath, he conformed to the local Virginian habits. After service the day was largely given to riding, visiting, dining and to those innocent amusements and gatherings that many then believed to be essential safeguards of a community.

From his childhood he traveled on Sunday whenever occasion required. He considered it proper for his negroes to fish, and on that day made at least one contract. During his official busy life Sunday was largely given to his home correspondence, being, as he says, the most convenient day in which to spare time from his public burdens to look after his impaired fortune and estates. *

"The dominating trait of Washington's life was a spirit of equity, which is the nearest approach to perfect justice. Nowhere, as far as I know, did Washington quote the golden rule. But if an attentive study of this man's correspondence reveals any single rule of conduct as permeating his business and social affairs it is represented by the Scriptural passage, 'As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.'

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MAY MAGAZINES.

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And fill the heart with pleasure.

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Republican State Convention!

A State Convention of the Republican party of the State of Delaware will be held at Dover, on Tuesday, May the 12th, A. D., 1866, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of selecting delegates to the National Convention to be held at the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, next, which is to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President, and also to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The convention at Dover will consist of one hundred and twenty delegates, to be chosen among the several districts of the state as follows: Forty (40) delegates to be chosen from the first district; twenty (20) from the second; twenty (20) from the third; and twenty (20) from the fourth. The delegates to be chosen from the first, second, and third districts, will be chosen by election, while those from the fourth district will be chosen at every polling place in every county in the state. Every voter should vote at the election; every Republican patriot should vote at the approaching primaries. The fight is on; let's meet like men.

The TRANSCRIPT speaks only for its editor. No man has suggested a line for the editorial columns, save the notice to our friend, Mr. Cleaver, that as to his promise to deliver the delegates of St. George's hundred to Gov. Watson.

Some of the papers have been crediting us as being the mouth piece of Col. DuPont, Senator Higgins, Gen. Wilson, and other Republicans true to the organization but it is an honor to which we are not entitled, having neither seen nor heard either directly or indirectly from these gentlemen for weeks. We believe however, that they endorse in common with hundreds of true Republicans the sentiments and the warnings to which the TRANSCRIPT has given utterance the past three weeks. We have had the personal assurance of many Republicans that the course the TRANSCRIPT has taken is the proper one. But it is not just to the gentlemen named, and not just to us, to make them responsible for that which they have had no part in. Of course the accusation of factious organ is brought against us to break the force of our argument, but it will not do. We want to be fair but with an unfair foe it puts us at great disadvantage.

The Sentinel last week took a half column of congratulations to itself that the TRANSCRIPT, sooner than be charged with misrepresentation, copied its article of over a column, and then proceeded to represent us, failing as it has always done to quote a line from us. Is there any fairness in that?

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But the injustice of the assessment is not all in favor of the "land monopolists." From the published list it appears that the relation of the selling value to the assessed value is all the way from 10 per cent. to 100 per cent. That is, some of the land is assessed at its full market value, while other land is assessed at only one-tenth of the price it is offered to the public. Here is an injustice among the owners of the land, due undoubtedly to favoritism, political pull, &c., and all under the miserable assessment laws of the State. These are more of the "Democratic chickens" and they will seek, sooner or later, the Democratic roost.

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That is the boast but it is apparent that Mr. Addicks proposes to use money and the use of money at the primaries means great danger if not disaster to the party now and hereafter. We wish to sound the alarm in time. It is useless to sound it after the damage has been done. We here appeal to every Republican in the State from the Brandywine to Baltimore, as you value the success and the perpetuity of the G. O. P., to denounce the use of money at the primaries either directly or indirectly. It was the use of money at the primaries in 1888 by James L. Walcott that defeated the Democratic ticket in Kent county that fall. It was done by the rank and file of the Democrats. Let not Republicans make the same mistake. The people will not submit to purchased primaries and the people are usually right. Then be warned in time.

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THE GOOD IN SINGLE TAX.

It would appear that the Single Tax agitation is not without its compensation. Its strength in Delaware is due to the "hard times" workmen being willing to accept almost any theory that offers relief, the least thoughtful of them not stopping to consider the chaotic condition of affairs while the adoption of the Single Tax theories would produce the disturbance of all values, meaning the financial ruin of so many people, because the Single Tax recognises no rights in land, but absolutely denies such right.

Your farm is not yours but it is "God's acres and belongs to his children," and the Single Taxers are the contesting heirs.

The agitation serves a good purpose, however. The Single Taxers are Democrats, or they have been in National politics are Democrats to-day. They are such because they are free traders. No well-read man can be a Single Tax advocate without being a free trader, and free traders are not found within the Republican ranks. The Single Tax speakers have been Democratic stump speakers, many of them, during the last ten or twenty years, employed by the Democratic National and State Committees. At least this is what they claim and there are no evident reasons for doubting their assertions. These facts lend force to their charges of unfairness against the poor man in the manipulation of the laws, and especially of the assessment and poll tax laws. These laws have given the Democratic politicians great advantage and they have been able to laugh at the Republicans when they have denounced them, and indeed it has been very difficult for Republicans to get a hearing. The Single Taxers are "carrying the war right into Africa," however, among the laboring people who have been swayed by the cry, "I am a Democrat," and it is having its effect.

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April 18th — "There are enough uncompromising Republicans who will never support Mr. Addicks in the methods he has adopted. Had he taken another course, proven himself loyal to party rather than to selfish ambition, their feelings had been different, and their support could under fair circumstances have been given to him; as it is his 'Addicks or Nobody' means nobody, for thousands of Republicans rather than Addicks, and that is the 'issue' as made by Mr. Addicks. Let it be met and settled once for all."

April 25 — "Mr. Addicks has not enough money to purchase his election. He has chosen to insult the good sense of too many tried and true Republicans and they will not accept him. To shut one's eyes to these facts is to court defeat. Be warned in time."

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SINGLE TAX AND FREE SPEECH.

A Denial.
MIDDLETOWN, May 1st.
EDITOR TRANSCRIPT, DEAR SIR:—Will you kindly give me sufficient space in your paper to brand as a falsehood the statement imputed to me in the *New Era* that "all the ministers in this town are vile and untruthful." I never used such language in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A., or anywhere else. What I did say was, that any man, either minister or layman, who denied the equal right of every child of God to the Father's bounty, the earth was in my opinion not truly a Christian man.

Truly Yours,
LEONARD TUTTLE.

New York Clothing House

F A SOCIAL SCIENTIST should want to discuss the poetry of TEN DOLLARS he would need to test its power on our Men's Suits. A constant study in our clothing business is how to raise the power of ten dollars in Men's Suits.

Mr. Tuttle was evidently disobeying the town ordinances in that he was talking to a crowd at the intersection of the main streets of the town, at Prettyman's corner, which are hard enough under favorable conditions to keep clear on Saturday evenings when the people come to town to do their shopping. Mr. Tuttle was taken before Justice Ferguson, but the Town Fathers after consultation agreed not to prosecute the charge provided there should be no further blocking of the streets. The Single Taxers then returned to the Plaza and there talked of free speech and their peculiar doctrines.

Witness the Men's Suits at Ten Dollars!

You'll exclaim, "Mighty Ten Dollars."

It looks as though Mr. Tuttle violated the ordinance on purpose to get the sympathy of the crowd and a hearing. The Single Taxers rented Howell's store room only a square from the centre of the town but not being able to carry the crowd with them there they gave up the building. They seek to harangue the crowd, and very much to the disgust of the merchants, trade people and clerks, because just at what should be closing time, the delayed purchase is to be made by the Single Tax listeners. The same consideration should be given to the advocates of Single Tax as to other people, no more and no less. Their cry of "free speech" should not protect them in the maintenance of a nuisance or in the violation of a town ordinance, nor on the other hand should their peculiar doctrine subject them to treatment different from other people. The law should be upheld, and the officers of the law also in a fair and proper enforcement of law.

The Single Tax people are mild fanatics. It is said that their missionaries will quiz servants as to the wages they are receiving and that it matters not what the wage may be the promise of "twice that amount of wages" is invariably made "if we only had the Single Tax." They are certainly persistent in forcing their arguments upon people, entering business places and insisting that their theories must then and there be discussed. They seek notice and notoriety, and the arrest Saturday night was evidently to their liking.

OLD SUSSEX.

Lewis has organized a Woman Suffrage Club.

Tristen P. Causey, of Milford, has been admitted a student-at-law in Sussex County under his father, Wm. F. Causey.

Georgetown is making an effort to have a bicycle company locate there. The Decker Co., of Worcester, Mass., is considering the proposal.

For the first time in its history the Hotel Heulopen, at Rehoboth, has been licensed.

Mrs. L. C. Smith and Harry F. Ford, of Dover, being the successful applicants.

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Local News.

TOWN SEND TOPIC

Yesterday was May-day, but the May party is deferred on account of the weather.

A member of the Light and Water Commission will be elected Monday afternoon.

Is your town tax too high? Then appeal to the Town Fathers on Monday—your only chance to kick.

There will be a meeting of the lot owners of Bethel Cemetery, Tuesday, May 5 next, to elect seven directors for the ensuing year.

Dr. Vallandigham, president of the Board of Trade, has called a meeting for Monday evening next, for the purpose of closing up the affairs of the Board and requesting a full attendance.

The following pupils of Brown Cottage School are upon the April roll of honor: Alberta Cochran, Louise Cochran, Minnie Smith, Clarence Donovan, Albert Donovan, Elmer Padley, and George Bender.

The Delaware Iron Works at New Castle recently shipped two hundred tons of trolley and telegraph poles to Cairo, Egypt and Cape Town, South America, and have over 1000 tons yet to ship, says the *News*.

The beautiful purple Wisteria is in bloom and its graceful festoons arch many porches in town. Lilacs too are blooming and the dogwood flower is found in the woods, full two weeks ahead of time.

The majority of the farmers in this section have completed the planting of corn. Some of them have been through planting for ten days. Now for warm weather to make the corn come up and grow.

There will be a business meeting of the Epworth League after prayer meeting on Thursday evening, May 7th, to elect delegates to the convention and for other purposes. The president, Dr. Ritchie, desires a full attendance.

There was a meeting of the "Blue Lodge" on Wednesday evening, held behind closed doors and fastened shutters "on the coast." The question was, Can Watson get the delegates? There are those who say that he cannot. The *Transcript* doesn't know.

Rev. F. H. Moore received information yesterday morning of the death of Rev. C. F. Thomas, D. D., in Philadelphia, of heart trouble. Dr. Thomas was to have lectured in the Presbyterian Church two weeks ago but was prevented because of his illness. Mr. Moore went to the city yesterday.

The peace loving friends of the New Era will please notice that for the fourth month since "quitting" that paper is calling us names. This time it is "blatherskite."

If the *Transcript* is wrong in its statements a dozen leading Democrats of Middletown are mistaken. Sorry the shoe pinches.

The number of wheel-women in Middletown is on the increase, every week adds new ones to the list, and now that pleasant weather and good roads prevail, our streets and road-sides are teaming with fair riders. The bicycle is evidently a good antedote for spring fever, judging from the glowing cheeks of those who take a daily spin.

Invitations have been issued to the Epworth League Social and Literary entertainment, to be given in the M. E. lecture room on Tuesday evening May 5th which will also be a "birthday party" as explained in the invitation. A program with recitations, vocal and instrumental music will be rendered and refreshments served.

Have you seen Bragdon's new soda fountain? It is a beauty, equal to this respect to the most costly to be seen in the large city stores, and is so neat and cool looking, adding a refreshing flavor to the sparkling soda drawn from it. Mr. Bragdon is a neighbor to the *Transcript*, and it is a pleasure to have that inviting fountain so near. You should see it, and inquire about the putting it up.

The hitching yard and lawn adjoining the M. E. Church has been recently plowed and sowed in grass. A wide gravel drive way has been laid out and with the addition of trees the brethren are fondly hoping to have a beautiful smooth park and lawn instead of the "all hills and hollow" sort of a yard it formerly was. But the ladies who are anticipating holding a festival on what grass there was, will have to wait for more to grow, for there is none in sight now.

The Woman's Auxiliary of this Diocese will have a meeting in St. Anne's P. E. Church on Thursday May 7th. It will be the regular quarterly meeting, with from 50 to 75 delegates in attendance. Luncheon will be provided and served at the rectory by the members of the Young Ladies Guild. Mrs. Melanye, of Wilmington, will preside at the meeting, which will be open to visitors, the members and friends of the parish being cordially invited.

The Trustees of the Poor met at Farmhouse on Wednesday and elected the following officers for the ensuing year. President, C. H. Salmonson, secretary; John W. Dawson, attorney, E. R. Cochran, Jr., coroner's physician, Joseph R. Smith, almanac physician, Francis R. Springer; superintendent, David McCoy; matron, Emma McCoy. Bids for supplies for the ensuing quarter were opened and contracts given out. The State Road Creamery will supply the butter for 18 lbs per lb. Groceries and meat will be furnished by Wilmington dealers. Gray and Gallagher, 214 inmates and 3 deaths were reported.

The ladies of Middletown, and vicinity had the pleasure and privilege of hearing a very instructive and helpful lecture on Hygiene and Physiology in Wood's Hall Thursday afternoon, by Mrs. H. T. Bachelder, of Wilmington, who is devoting herself especially to the treatment of women, using the world wide known Vlavi method, which has been in use over thirteen years. It is not, as some would think, a patent medicine, but the prescription of a regular practitioner, perfected by Dr. Law, of San Francisco, where the medicine is prepared. Mrs. Bachelder originally from Lowell, Mass., is the manager of the Delaware Vlavi Company and is permanently located in Wilmington at 828 Market Street. During her few months residence there she has successfully treated a great many suffering women whose personal testimony as to the value of the remedy is very convincing. She was much gratified at her hearing in Middletown, at least thirty ladies being present. A number in this neighborhood have already proven the efficacy of the Vlavi treatment. Mrs. Bachelder is a refined and cultured lady, a fluent and pleasant speaker and a conscientious advocate of Vlavi, which is a rational and common sense treatment. She will return to Wilmington this afternoon, but while here will gladly consult, free of charge, with all ladies who will call to see her at her rooms on South Broad Street, at Misses Beeston. She will make monthly visits to Middletown and give another lecture at an early date.

Always in season, Hopkins' Steamed Hominy (Milled Corn). Elegant lunch in Milk. Q.C. can 10c.

Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and agricultural implements on hand.

WHOLESALE ICE RATES.—By George Booth as follows: 45 cents per 100 lbs up to 200 lbs; from 300 to 500 lbs, 40 cents; 500 to 1000 lbs, 35 cents; 1000 to 2000 lbs, 30 cents; special rates on larger quantity.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odont and Gas for painless extracting.

Mr. Faunis Lockwood announces that she will continue the military business of the late Dr. S. A. Howell at the old stand on West Main street. She has a full new stock of spring goods, and is showing some of the most stylish trimmings hats and bonnets of the season. Patrons old and new will do well to inspect her goods.

CHURCH CHIMES.

"Be of good cheer" is the subject of the Christian Endeavor meeting to-morrow evening, Miss Susie Ellison leader.

Rev. S. N. Pitchard, pastor of Scott M. E. Church in Wilmington, has been appointed Chaplain in the army by President Cleveland, thus causing a vacancy at Scott.

"Christ in the Home" is the subject for the Epworth League meeting to be led by Miss Ella Baker, Sunday evening at 6:45 in the lecture room. All are cordially invited to attend this service.

Subject of Sunday morning sermon, 10:30, at M. E. Church: "A study into the doctrine of Special Providence." In the evening Mr. Wood will take as his theme, "Philip seeking Nathaniel, or the value of personal appeal." Everybody welcome.

The Y. P. S. C. E. elected on Monday evening the following officers for the ensuing six months: President, Miss Mary Bothwell; Vice President, Mr. Walter Beaston; Cor. Sec'y., Miss Lillian Budd; Rec. Sec'y., Mr. Harry Howell; Treasurer Miss Will Beaston; Organist, Miss Mary Maxwell; Assistant, Miss Louise Reynolds.

The General Conference of the M. E. Church convened at Cleveland, O., yesterday, May 1st for the quadrennial session of one month. There are about 550 delegates, one third of whom are laymen. It represents a membership of 2,500,000, and a ministry of 17,000, from 140 annual conferences.

It is the supreme law making and judicial body of the church. The administration of women as members of the body is one of the important questions to be discussed, the measure being apparently defeated by the vote of the annual conferences. The removal of the time limited will also be discussed, besides other very vital questions, and the session bids fair to be one of unusual interest.

Y. M. C. A.

"The things which keep us from God" is the topic of the devotional meeting at the rooms to-morrow afternoon at 3:30; Mr. Walter Beaston leader.

Tuesdays and Saturdays are library evenings when books may be taken out and exchanged.

That was a handsome cake presented by Mr. Weber to the festival. Julia Kelley was the winning contestant on votes raising over six dollars. Irma Pitt also received a nice cake on votes, the total sum being \$10.33.

"Is conscience a correct moral guide?" will be argued affirmatively by a popular pastor at the Social Meeting on Monday evening at 7:30. Mr. William Brattell will sing and Mr. Pitt will be chairman of the debate. All invited.

The festival held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings was a very pleasant "function." The attendance was good and sociability reigned. The gross receipts were \$67.40—from the six tables \$60.13, contested cake \$10.33, contributed \$3.50, cake table \$4.44. The expenses were, cream \$18.00; berries, fruit and trip to city \$15.00, printing and postage \$2.50, total \$35.50, net receipts \$31.90. The committee extend their thanks to the young ladies who assisted, the band for music and to all concerned. They "chipped in" and last evening gave a reception in their rooms to the ladies who contributed to make the affair successful.

Mr. C. S. Barnett has just received a new invoice of goods which includes a large assortment of summer hats in the very latest shapes. She wants you to see them before you choose your summer hat.

W. C. T. U.

NOTES FROM THE CONVENTION.

Having been our privilege to attend the New Castle County Convention of the W. C. T. U. held in Wilmington, on the 24th ult., we feel like bringing a word of encouragement to our sisters of the Middle Union, who may feel some what disengaged in the work of the year.

While our Union had not so favorable a report as some others, represented in the Convention, it should only be an incentive to us to awaken out of our lethargy, to a sense of personal responsibility in the work. For there is work for each one of us. We can all do something for the Master. Let us dare "White Ribbon" women put on the whole armor of God, and fight harder for "God and Home and Native Land" in the year before us, than in any of the past years. Our membership is only 25. Let us all strive to increase the number. Let us deny ourselves needless luxuries and put what we can in the Lord's Treasury. Let us all attend the next meeting of the W. C. T. U. and make new plans of work, and each one pay a heavy fine if she can find no work. Oh! dear friends the fine is very heavy now, in the shape of almshouses, jails, penitentiaries and insane asylums.

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PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Mr. W. J. Barnett was at Long Branch, N. J. yesterday.

—Mr. T. S. Fouracre spent Monday last in Philadelphia.

—Hon. John H. Hoffecker, of Smyrna, was in town on Wednesday.

—Miss Boyer is visiting her friend, Miss Sparks, in the Quaker City.

—Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Boyer are spending a week at Atlantic City.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Browne expect to spend Sunday with their mother.

—Edward D. Hearne, Esq., of Georgetown, was in town on Thursday.

—Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard spent Sunday with friends in Still Pond, Md.

—Miss Maude Gooding, of Willow Grove, was in town on Wednesday.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Parker's guest this week.

—Miss Maggie Arthur and Dr. Varden, of Kenton, spent Sunday in town, guests of Mrs. M. B. Burris.

—Miss Laura Bessey, of Ingleside, Md., is the guest of Mrs. Thomas Cochran, on North Broad Street.

—Mrs. W. B. Rhoades, and little daughter, of Odessa, were guests of her mother, Mrs. Schreitz on Sunday.

—Mr. Archer C. Stites, of Chicago, is a visitor in town this week, the guest of his mother, Mrs. T. H. Gilpin.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor and Missabelle Taylor spent Thursday at Bridgeville, guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones.

—Mrs. W. P. Biggs spent several days this week in Philadelphia, and also visited her sister, Mrs. Theo. Stevens, at Phoenixville, Pa.

—Mrs. Harry Beaston, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Cyrus Taitman who has been in failing health for several months.

—The many friends of Mr. Purnell J. Lynch will regret to learn that for a week past he has been confined to his bed with a case of croupies.

—Mrs. and Mrs. Thomas Cochran, Jr., who have been visiting their Delaware and Maryland friends, will return to their home in New York city.

—Miss Clara Moore, who is finishing her third year's studies at the Woman's Medical College in Philadelphia, spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. W. H. Moore, who is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

—Miss Emma Price of Washington, D. C. has been visiting her relatives at Earlville, Md., during the past week, and yesterday she came to Middletown on her wheel for a brief visit with her old friends.

—The Odd Fellows attended divine service in a body at the M. E. Church on Sunday morning; the pastor, Rev. H. S. Thompson made an interesting address. Visitors were present from Bear Station and St. Georges. About 70 men attended the service.

—Mr. Geo. M. Stengle, editor of the Post Deposit Press, was in town on Monday and paid the Transcriber a fraternal visit. Mr. Stengle began his newspaper career as a type of the Transcriber in the day of the "bad headed editor."

—Rev. Merritt Hubbard, L. E. Barrett, Alfred Smith, W. F. Corkran and Messrs. W. H. Jackson and W. L. Gooding, the Wilmington Conference delegates to the M. E. General Conference started for Cleveland on Wednesday evening.

—Dr. Mary Cammende, of Trenton, N. J., arrived in town yesterday and will spend some time at her aunt's, Mrs. A. G. Cox.

—Dr. Edmundine Graves, a recent graduate of the Woman's Medical College, in Philadelphia, and on account of ill health is taking a season for recuperation.

—A handsome costume is often spelled by an unbecoming hit. Mrs. A. M. Kice is an expert in suiting hats to faces. She invites you to call and try on some of her new hats.

NUPUALS.

STEWART—PRICE.

Miss Susan Price, and Thomas Dale Stewart were married in the Presbyterian church at Port Penn, April 23d at 10 a. m.

Rev. K. J. Stewas, of Delta, Pa., performed the ceremony which was exceedingly impressive. Rev. Oscar Gilhamming made the prayer. The usher was Messrs. John Asplin, and Wm. B. McMullen. The bride wore white lansdown, and carried white roses. Her veil was fastened with white sweet peas. She looked very sweet and perfectly self possessed. Miss Helen Price was first bridesmaid, and wore white swiss over blue and carried white carnations while Miss Maggie McMullen, second bridesmaid, wore white swiss over pink, and carried pink carnations. Their costumes were very becoming. The church was becomingly decorated by owing hands of friends. The bride and groom stood under an arch of green and white while a pure white dove was perched above them, and a mass of scarlet geraniums and Callia filled a back-ground.

Immediately after the ceremony, while the strains of the wedding march still lingered, the bridal party drove away in "wedding haste." They, with a few friends took luncheon in Delaware City, being entertained by Mrs. George Reybold, sister of the bride in a very charming manner.

A little after noon the bride and groom left for their new home in Delta, Pa., amid a shower of rice accompanied by old songs.

The day was a glorious one, and seemed happy enough for their future.

The presents were numerous and hand-some. All passed off as merry as a marriage bell.

WOODSIDE—SCOTT.

Miss Lizzie Scott, and Mr. T. F. Woodside were married on Thursday at noon, in the M. E. Church at Galena. It was a beautiful springtime wedding; the church was handsomely decorated with dogwood flowers and crowded with people to witness the ceremony which was performed by Rev. E. H. Nelson, of Still Pond, Md. The bridal costume was of light cloth with brown velvet and satin trimming, made after the Louis XIV style, and very becoming to the fair bride. She wore a very handsome hat and carried a bouquet of lilles of the valley and ferns. The flower girls, her two little nieces, Amelia Hurt and Fannie Scott, carried snow drops. Messrs. Ireland and Ruth, of Galena were the ushers. Miss Hester Jones, of Middletown played the wedding march.

After the marriage a wedding luncheon was served at the home of the bride, after which Mr. and Mrs. Woodside took the north bound train, passing here at 4:30. The bride is the youngest daughter of Cornelius J. Scott, Esq., and is one of the most popular young ladies in the church and social circles of Kent County Md. The groom is a successful business man of Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Woodside will reside at Lansdown, Pa.

Judge Houston Dead.